

Broadband Deficiencies Correction Program (BDCP) Update **March 28, 2016**

In order to make the most of the appointment please bring the following information to the workshop:

- Laptop
- E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) username and password
- Copy of your FY 2016 Form 470
- Connectivity Information about your Entity
- National School Lunch Program or discount eligibility information
- Copies of existing contracts
- Copies of any bids received in response to FY 2016 Form 470
- Bid evaluation worksheets (if they have been created)
- Copies of any newly signed contracts
- Copies of bills for existing services
- Any specific questions related to the E-rate program.

Update on BDCP State Master Contracts

BDCP Mini-Quote System Available

The BDCP Mini-Quote system is up and running and can be used to solicit bids from the BDCP State Master Contracts, a link to the current vendors on the contract can be found at [Broadband Services-ACTIVE CONTRACT LIST](#). If you are interested in receiving access to this system, please email Anna Drury at adrury@e-ratecentral.com and we will follow up with you to ensure you receive access. Please include your name, organization, and contact information in an email with a subject of “BDCP Mini-quote System Access.” It is not required to use the Mini-Quote system in order to use the State Master Contracts. If you do not wish to use the Mini-Quote system please follow the process explained in the March 14th NewMEEEX newsletter.

Access to BDCP Matching Funds

There seems to be some confusion regarding whether the use of the State Master Contracts is a requirement to receive State matching funds through the BDCP. Eligible schools are **NOT** required to use the State Master Contracts in order to receive BDCP funding. However, if you are using a vendor who is not on the State Master Contract you need to make sure that the pricing is competitive and in-line with the State Master Contract pricing. If the State determines that the pricing is not competitive, the services may not be eligible for BDCP funding.

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Additional New Mexico specific E-rate information is available through our Web site — <http://www.e-ratecentral.com/us/stateInformation.asp?state=NM>. Note that this site provides easy access to formatted New Mexico applicant E-rate histories via the Billed Entity Number (“BEN”) search mechanism in the upper left-hand corner. Detailed information can be obtained by “drilling down” using the links for specific funding years and individual FRNs.

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E-Rate Central’s services can be procured through a master bid awarded by REC IX or through the New Mexico Cooperative Educational Services (“CES”). For CES contract information, search for E-Rate Central at <http://www.ces.org/ces/procurement/VendorSearch/>.

